

SENATE RESOLUTION 201

By Ford, O.

A RESOLUTION congratulating the membership of Saint Mark Baptist Church on the celebration of the church's 100th anniversary.

WHEREAS, the churches of our nation have been an integral part of our history as a people and have had an unparalleled impact in forming and maintaining a stable and just society; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should recognize those venerable religious institutions and their congregations who, through their unflagging capacity for love, dedication of spirit, and faith in God, strive to enrich the lives of people in their communities; and

WHEREAS, the good people of Saint Mark Baptist Church in Memphis comprise one such congregation, and this year they are celebrating the church's 100 years of service to the community, the city, the state, the country, and the world; and

WHEREAS, Saint Mark Baptist Church was formed in 1910 by a group of faithful members of the Memphis community and, for 100 years, this historic church has remained a beacon of light in service to God and humanity; and

WHEREAS, the members of this church, along with their beloved pastor, Reverend J. S. Bachus, and his wife, First Lady Johnell Bachus, are marking this milestone with a Centennial Celebration on April 17-18, 2010; and

WHEREAS, this joyous occasion will include a Fellowship Celebration in the Reverend J. C. Bachus Multi-Purpose Building on April 17, and Sunday School, Morning Worship, a Centennial Dinner, and a Centennial Concert on April 18, 2010; and

WHEREAS, a powerful tool in the service of the Kingdom of God, Saint Mark Baptist Church is truly one of the great religious institutions and catalysts for positive spiritual change in our state and nation; and

WHEREAS, it is most appropriate that the members of this exceptional congregation should be recognized for their exemplary service to their fellow Christians and to the good people of Memphis; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby we join in celebrating the 100th anniversary of Saint Mark Baptist Church, thank the good people of this historic congregation for their notable service to their Lord and the State of Tennessee, and wish them much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.